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February 4, 1993

Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
Room 808
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: James Zangger
Comments regarding PR Docket # 235

Dear Ms. Solheim:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. James Zangger, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, regarding the proposed change for private land mobile radio services. It is my understanding the comment period for this proposal is open until February 26, 1993. Mr. Zangger reports this change will reduce the usability of frequencies available for radio control model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

I would appreciate the inclusion of Mr. Zangger's comments into the public record regarding this matter. Thank you for your attention to my request.

Sincerely,

Chuck Grassley
Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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(1) Letter attached

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
206 Federal Building
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Senator Grassley,

I have been involved in aviation all my life, as my father owns and operates a small airport in northwest Iowa. I am currently employed by Rockwell International in Cedar Rapids, as a company pilot. I have also enjoyed the hobby of constructing and flying radio control model airplanes for over eighteen years.

I have just become aware of the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission and am very concerned. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. This new proposal comes on the heels of a frequency change that was adopted in 1991.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The last FCC change in 1991 caused everyone to purchase new radio equipment that would meet the standards and caused perfectly good equipment to become obsolete and unusable. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Jangger